

EDITORIALS

Barricades to Friendship

Councilman Willys Blount served notice Tuesday night on nearby communities that he is not one to sit by and see streets important to Torrance blocked at the whim of fringe-area residents. He might have gone a step further and stated a declaration of policy for the City of Torrance that will make some folk (enjoying all the benefits and protection of Torrance's well developed municipal services) bring their noses down to level.

Torrance, more than any other incorporated city in this area, is responsible for the living and the prosperity of thousands upon thousands of families. Its industries are a very important factor in the whole economy of Southern California and it has thousands of available acres for more homes and more industries. The spectacular growth naturally has created some jealousies and some problems to residents of nearby areas.

Small people can be expected to propose autonomy for their little areas with the naive expectancy they will be able to continue to enjoy all of the benefits of Torrance citizenship with none of the responsibilities. In this attitude they will be like the snooty young thing who accepts her parents' board and room but still doesn't recognize them when she meets them in public.

Torrance is the greatest thing that ever happened to the so-called South Bay area. It is something any sensible resident will recognize and big people will cheer and find pride in. It will grow and grow and people—big enough to keep pace—will grow with it!

These street barricades can become barricades to neighborliness and friendship.

Time for Action

The Torrance City Council has within its grasp, we think, the opportunity to do something about the commercial development of the Municipal airport. An option has been sought by one of the most respected and successful real estate organizations in Los Angeles and it is to be hoped the Council will act quickly in accepting.

Commercial developments of the magnitude sought for the location in question do not happen overnight. It will take time and planning. No responsible agency is going to put time, money and effort into such a project without the protection of an option.

If the organization being considered is as successful in developing the city's property as it has been in other localities, the City of Torrance will be assured of tremendous revenues in the years to come.

It is apparent that the City Council and the Airport Commission are aware of the importance of commercial development of this highly valuable municipal property. We believe the community shortly can expect some definite action that will help this amazingly fast-growing city keep pace commercially.

Intuition in Buying

President Don R. Grimes, of the Independent Grocers' Alliance, says women shoppers sometimes have what he calls a "sixth sense" about coming business conditions. He attributes it to something like women's intuition, and says there is definitely something to it.

Grimes maintains that those studying economic conditions, and probable future trends, would do well to watch the habits of housewives in the nation's stores. The food purchases of housewives in particular, he says, reflect what is happening in the average American family, and that attitude of tightening up or enjoying good times.

One way this can be detected, according to Grimes, is by watching what types of food women buy. If they begin to switch to starched foods, and less expensive cuts of meat, then hard times are being experienced, or expected. When the trend is in the other direction, times seem to be good or the outlook optimistic.

Speaking of the last depression as an "era of bread and potatoes," Grimes says that at that time housewives bought very little of the choice cuts of meat and more expensive items. In recent years Americans have been eating better than ever before and this reflects the relative prosperity enjoyed by most Americans.

In answer to the \$64 question, whether the buying habits of housewives are now indicating a trend for the future, Grimes replied that the housewife's habits today indicate a period of prosperity. The current outlook is optimistic, according to Grimes, who bases his opinion on the current attitude of food purchasers in the nation's independent grocery stores.

Donald Healey recently drove a sports car almost 200 m.p.h. in Utah, which—we think—is carrying things a bit too far, too fast.

The pretty girls are about through with bathing beauty contests and male fans will have to wait for another summer to come around.

Industrial production has leveled off, and the experts say the next move will be up, which is mildly encouraging, if you believe in experts.

Optimism, to be warranted, must be based on intelligent appraisal, and not on super-heated hot air, as is often the case in sales departments.



LAW IN ACTION

PROPERTY AND WIVES' RIGHTS

In California when a girl marries she becomes, at least in part, a business partner as well as a home maker, largely due to our community property law.

We Californians like to think of ourselves as among the foremost in respect for women's rights, particularly property rights.

Under the old English common law the theory was that a man and wife were one. He owned and managed the property. She had had only limited rights, even as to her own personal property.

But the community property law holds that a married woman is a separate person. Neither the husband nor wife has the upper hand as to ownership of community property, although the husband does have superior rights in controlling it. As a rule, community property is what a man and wife get after marriage as a

result of their labor. So, neither one can give away such property without the other's consent.

Someone has to manage the property so, by law, the husband becomes the manager. But like a business manager, he does not fully own. A man cannot deed or mortgage the real property unless the wife joins. But he can sell their community personal property without her consent. The money he gets for it is itself community property, and his wife owns half of it.

Only eight states, all of them in the West or South, are community property states. The system first came from Germany, from where it spread to Spain and Mexico, and then to some of our southern and western states.

Note: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

Setting Up The Suckers



Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your name and address. Only initials will be used in the answers which will appear in rotation as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO:

The tobacco monopoly will be split wide open with a new substitute leafy plant, zonder, which will soon be introduced to the American public. Zonder is harmless, contains no habit-forming ingredients, and will sell for one-fifth of the tobacco price to manufacturers. 1955 will be a zonder year... Ex-King Farouk will soon hit the headlines of newspapers in a most unflattering manner, and it will do much to delay his present campaign to occupy the Egyptian throne early in 1955!... The famous Duncan Sisters, Vivian and Rosetta, will write their autobiographies jointly under the title of "Remembering," which will trace their careers over three continents and almost half a century!... Jonny Patou, the famed French designer, will outdo Christian Dior with his new line of garments for both men and women!

WOMEN WHO WILL MAKE NEWS:

The Queen Mother Elizabeth will make a diplomatic tour of South Africa within the next 90 days!... Mae Williams, the singer, will zoom to the top with her coming recordings of the Stephen Foster melodies!

Norma Shearer and her husband Martin Aronow will open a year-round camp for sickly children and will be a worthwhile charity for the needy!... Mamie Eisenhower will take a most active role in the forthcoming elections in November!... Queen Juliana will soon make a trip to America to consult a famed beauty specialist!... Mrs. Bernard McFadden will write of her interesting life and will reveal the real secret behind the vitality and vigor of her noted husband. This will be one of the top books in 1955!... Helen Traubel, the Metropolitan Opera star, will appear on the Broadway stage in her first dramatic role for the Theater Guild!

WATCH OUT FOR THIS FRAUD:

Someone will knock on your door and will inform you that they are from the City Inspection Department and demand that they examine your property. You show them around and they tell you that you must have certain things fixed or be open to a fine, but he will overlook this if you make an "under-the-table" payment of one hundred dollars. You are almost forced to do this through his threatening manner. You pay him and never hear of the matter again. Beware, this man is a fraud, and if he or his co-workers (sometimes 10 of these men work the same town at the same time) call the police at once and stop this vicious swindle from continuing!

COMING HUSH HUSH EVENTS:

One of the largest department stores in the world will

soon close its doors for three months due to a coming lawsuit between the two owners who recently changed wives. This scandal will soon reach the front pages of this newspaper!... The son of a famous family will soon be placed in a mental hospital, and this is the reason you will not hear of his activities after next month!... A noted architect will soon start the building of his own memorial, which will be modeled after the tomb of Napoleon. His family will be very much against the proposed memorial and will take legal steps to prevent this money being spent in this manner, but the architect will win out and will erect this edifice!...

JUST FOR YOU GIRLS:

William Hibler will soon place a most remarkable reducing item on the market—rubber panties! This fits snugly to the figure, is air tight, and will give the body a steam bath, which will reduce, thin and firm the figure. Many movie stars who were verging on the heavy side have found that this reducing garment can thin them without dieting. I predict that more men will buy this item than women!... Black and gold will not only be the fashionable colors for this coming winter, but will also invade the decor of your home. Arlene Twyman, the decorator, will feature complete rooms in the black and gold design in the coming furniture show!... The next hottest fish fry will be the old fashioned fish fry to be held in the month of September!

Dear Criswell:

I feel so guilty. Should I confess? Mrs. Magda P. 333

My dear Magda:

I will never reveal the contents of your letter to anyone. Your secret is safe with me. I advise you to confess to the proper authorities and your mind and conscience will be cleared. You were not guilty, but this man threatened you at the point of a gun, and you will not be held responsible. The prayers of our readers are with you.

Dear Criswell:

I am about ready to call the whole thing quits. I'm at the end of my rope. I didn't mind my husband squandering all our money on foolish inventions because this was an outlet, and it was better than getting drunk. I even tolerated his running around with other women once in a while. Now he wants his father and brother to live with us, and this I cannot stand. Should I leave him? What shall I do about the apartment building? Mrs. Harriet W.

My dear Harriet:

You have always been a most understanding and sacrificing

wife, but it is time you put your foot down. You should tell your husband that you will not wait on his father and brother as you have had to wait on him. You tell me that these two men have jail sentences and the brother was recently arrested on a morals charge. Do not put up with this, but take a firm stand. I advise you to sell the apartment building now, as this is very valuable property at the present time.

Dear Criswell:

I sometimes feel that I'm going blind. I get spells of darkness and only last week fell down a few steps. Can I be helped? M. Laura 121

My dear M. Laura:

I advise you to consult your eye doctor at once, for he will be able to help you overcome this present ailment. I do not sense any serious ailment, but it is wise to seek early attention. This money should be put in the bank at once, for it is too risky to leave it in your home.

Dear Criswell:

Why is my daughter growing whiskers? Amelia T. V.

My dear Amelia:

I advise your daughter to consult her physician concerning this situation, for he will be able to remedy this with the proper medical treatment. I know within the next few months you will be pleased with the results.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

SNAPPY RETORT — Does someone around your house talk back to television emcees and announcers? My wife does. The other evening, to give you an example, a TV emcee was talking to a group of former Air Force men on his give-a-way show and when he found out they all had hauled out of a ship during World War II, said, "And you all came out of it alive?" he queried.

Picking up the cue from his obviously unnecessary question, The Squirrel Keeper replied, "Of course not, dumb bunny. Two of those guys there are dead."

Too bad the guy couldn't hear her. . . .

BIG DISAPPOINTMENT—

Jean Wrenn, secretary to Fire Chief J. J. Benner, was very disappointed last week when the new \$24,000 fire truck was backed up to the station here to load on hose. "It doesn't have white sidewalls," she moaned. We can see her point—for \$24,000 it should have.

SAFETY MEASURE—

Couple we know has taken one of the smartest sounding face-saving measures we've heard of in several ocean seasons. Their four-year-old daughter, like most others of that age, is a veritable storehouse of embarrassing information. On one point, however, she is blissfully innocent of the real facts, Ma'am. To her, all adults are 21 except grandma. Grandma is 35. Man, what diplomacy.

SHORT GAME—

A Torrance Rotarian, who found himself at the football game in Los Angeles with an extra set of tickets the other evening, thought he'd be a good Joe and pass the tickets along to some poor guy standing back at the end of one of the long lines before the ticket booth. He tapped a prospect on the shoulder and offered to sell him a pair of nice ducats for the affair. The prospect, in turn, displayed one of the biggest police badges our friend says he had ever seen. It took much of the first half of the big football game to listen to the policeman's lecture on "scalping," and to convince him that our friend was merely unloading a couple of extras.

SIMPLE FORMULA—

An amateur economist reported this week that the easiest way to meet competition was to cut prices—but he hastened to add that the idea has some disadvantages. Foremost among them, he emphasized, was the fact that poorhouse food was usually second rate, the beds worse, and that most of them still had no television. Speaking of competition, I've also heard it said that so many persons have a strong desire to write because the competition in the field of talking is so fierce.

It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

Surrender or Compromise. OBJECTIVITY: Our State Department has published a booklet by Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., U.S. representative to the United Nations, entitled "What the United Nations Means to the United States." With so many Americans wanting out of the UN, another shot of propaganda was necessary; but this one should have been labeled "Surrender or Compromise."

Mr. Lodge says in the beginning that "we must look at the U. N. with the utmost objectivity." Then he proceeds to try to sell the UN to a disillusioned and distrustful American public. Its primary purpose, he says, is to promote peace; but through more devious language it develops that its real purpose is to cast us into an internationalist melting pot for the promotion of world government.

He points to the increased power of the General Assembly as a sound development toward that objective because of "1) the existence of common practical interests; and 2) the existence of a common sense of justice, which means a common sense of right and wrong and a common view of the relation of the individual to his government."

INTERPRETATION: Mr. Lodge's interpretation of "a common sense of justice" is very enlightening. It probably is the most revealing statement that has yet been made publicly by any UN representative. Before we are irrevocably committed to "a common sense of right and wrong and a common view of the relation of the individual to his government," we had better give careful thought to the meaning of such a proposition.

Where differences exist, as they do in the UN, a common sense of right and wrong, or of anything else, can be achieved only through surrender or through compromise. Since we have only one vote out of some 60-odd in the General Assembly, our chances of retaining intact our own American standards of morality and our religious beliefs, which constitute our sense of right and wrong, are in direct proportion to our strength in the General Assembly—one in 60.

Unless Mr. Lodge entertains the ridiculous and fatuous notion that we can convert all the other UN member states to our own ideas of "right and wrong," he must intend for us either to adopt their standards or to compromise our own. Obviously, we are being conditioned to accept a melting-pot or to use a currently popular term, "integration"—of our moral standards and beliefs with those of other foreign cultures, religions, and traditions.

WHOSE DECISION?: We are essentially a Christian nation, with Christian standards, while the UN membership embraces nations dedicated to atheism, Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Judaism, Zionism, and many other ideologies and religions totally different from our own. How then are we to achieve this "common sense of justice, which means a common sense of right and wrong" with all of these different peoples?

Have the American people ever voted to surrender, or even to compromise, their moral standards and religious beliefs? Not yet, but they will if the UN has its way. Mr. Lodge says that in promoting this common sense of justice upon which "any effective scheme for world order depends" is the essential first step is a world forum where issues can be debated and put to a vote, and where world public opinion can develop. The General Assembly is thus a place where they "talk and vote," and it is by talking and voting that you build a world sense of right and wrong.

It is to be noted that Mr. Lodge is most deeply concerned with "world" public opinion and a "world" sense of right and wrong. Our American sense of right and wrong is no longer of importance. We must change it to a "world sense," regardless of what such a change entails.

TALK AND VOTE: If we achieve a world sense of right and wrong as Mr. Lodge recommends, we "talk and vote" in the General Assembly on such subjects as atheism, slave labor, the caste system of untouchables, idol worship, and animal worship, and we are out-talked and out-voted, what do we do then? Surrender or compromise?

With our moral standards and our religious beliefs integrated into "a common sense of right and wrong" with the other UN members, it remains for the General Assembly to bring us around to "a common view of the relation of the individual to his government." That this can, and likely will, destroy our Constitution and our Bill of Rights obviously is of no concern to Mr. Lodge. His concern is for the achievement of such a "common view" as a prerequisite to world union or world government.

It does not matter that the majority of the UN member states are socialist or communist. Mr. Lodge and our State Department, with the support of our president, are bent upon placing our relation to our government in the hands of the General Assembly to be molded by the "talk and vote" method into "a common view."

If the majority talk and vote for the destruction of American liberty, what do we do? Surrender or compromise? For a nation which has everything to lose and nothing to gain through UN membership, Mr. Lodge has done an excellent job of selling "What the United Nations Means to the United States." Read it—and weep.

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